

LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **June 24, 2003**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **6**

CONSENT:

REGULAR: **Work Session**

CLOSED SESSION:

(Confidential)

ACTION:

INFORMATION: **X**

ITEM TITLE: **Skatepark**

RECOMMENDATION: In December 2002, City Council endorsed a proposal to partner with Amazement Square for the development of a skatepark on the riverfront. This report is for informational purposes to apprise Council of the status of this project.

SUMMARY:

Since the last report to Council the following work has begun or has been completed:

- The riverfront site has been surveyed.
- Amazement Square has begun fund raising for the project.
- Two community meetings were held in May 2003. These meetings were well attended by skaters, parents and advocates for the skatepark. The meetings were informational in nature and served as an opportunity to seek input from the skaters.
- Amazement Square has begun discussions with possible skatepark designers.
- Through the combined efforts of the morning and noon Rotary Clubs, application is being prepared for Rotary to accept this project as their Centennial Project. Once finalized, Rotary's participation in this project may include hands-on work, fundraising and soliciting in-kind services. Rotary's potential contribution to the project is major and will include "naming rights" for the skatepark.

The schedule for the design and construction of the park is as follows:

- Rotary Clubs will finalize their commitment to the project in June/July 2003
- Amazement Square will continue discussions with designers and prepare a concept drawing in June-August 2003. Additional community meetings will be held July-August 2003.
- The City will transfer ownership of property to Amazement Square August-September 2003.
- Initial construction will begin September-December 2003.
- Fundraising efforts will continue by Amazement Square and Rotary with support from Parks and Recreation.
- Construction of the park will continue in the spring of 2004 with anticipated completion in early summer 2004.

The total anticipated budget of the park is \$150,000-\$225,000 depending on the scope of the design. With the City's contribution, Amazement Square's fundraising efforts and Rotary's Club participation, \$175,000 in funds are committed to this project. The construction of the park will be phased, with the first phase to include pouring of a concrete pad, construction of ramps, fencing, park amenities, and grading and graveling of parking area. The second phase may include lighting, additional ramps and skate components and landscaping. Amazement Square is in the process of developing a management plan for the park. All parties are committed to ongoing involvement by skaters and community in this project.

PRIOR ACTION(S): Work Session, December 1999; Work Session, December 2002

FISCAL IMPACT: \$50,000 available in FY 2003, Capital Improvement Program

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ATTACHMENT(S): none

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